

3rd Annual Business Development Seminar Sign-Up Today!

As a business owner or manager in western Pennsylvania, you know first-hand the challenges facing the local economy. I have worked hard in Washington to enact policies to help our businesses. Again this year, I would like to share with you some of the extraordinary resources available to American companies like yours seeking to expand business opportunities.

My office has joined forces with the U.S. Commercial Service and Gannon University's Small Business Development Center to bring you the third annual Business Development Seminar. I invite you to attend the seminar which will be held at Gannon University on Tuesday, August 2nd from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. near the Yehl Ballroom in the Waldron Campus Center. A hosted lunch will be served.

This year's program will primarily focus on opportunities in the Middle East, but we will also have representatives on hand from the IRS, U.S. Commercial Service, Small Business Administration, as well as experts on federal procurement. Numerous companies from my district will be represented which will also give you an opportunity to network with other businesses in the region.

Our featured guest for this year's seminar will be Al Frink, the Assistant Secretary for Manufacturing & Services from the U.S. Department of Commerce. Mr. Frink is the first Assistant Secretary for Manufacturing and Services, serving as chief advocate for the U.S. manufacturing sector within the federal government. He will provide valuable insight into some of the challenges and opportunities the economy is facing and we are very much looking forward to his insight.

This year's seminar promises to be the biggest and best yet. You can register by clicking on the U.S. Commercial Service website at <http://www.buyusa.gov/pittsburgh/english.html>.

I am looking forward to seeing you on August 2nd!